

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application and stand subject to restriction requirement.

The Examiner indicates that Claims 1-22 are "drawn to a system to measure electrical properties with a probe employing a internal stress gradient", and that Claims 23 and 24 are "drawn to a system to measure electrical properties with a probe that calls for probe alignment".

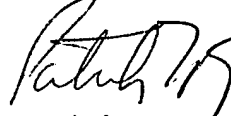
Claims 23 and 24 are amended herein to include the limitation "wherein the spring probe comprises a stress-engineered spring material film having an internal stress gradient". Applicant believes that this amendment places Claims 23 and 24 in the same class as Claims 1-22.

In view of the amendments to Claims 23 and 24, Applicants elect Claims 1-22 with traverse, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending restriction requirement such that examination is extended to all of Claims 1-24.

Claims 1, 4, 23 and 24 are also amended to correct an obvious typographical error (i.e., to change "ending" to "bending"; this amendment is supported, for example, in Applicants' specification in paragraph 10, page 5, fifth line from the top).

No new matter is entered by any of the amendments discussed above. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on all non-elected claims (i.e., non-amended Claims 23 and 24).

Respectfully submitted,



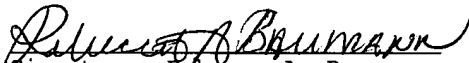
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